

12 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

ATTENTION : Chief, S/TF

SUBJECT : Request for Intelligence Support

REFERENCE : Case [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. We will appreciate it if you will prepare a report analyzing the potentials of Communist China-Japan trade, both on a limited, non-strategic basis, and in the absence of trade controls.

2. The study should include an estimate of the total trade lost to Japan as a result of ChinCom controls and a discussion of potential future trade: what goods China is able to export, what goods it wants to import, and Japan's capability to supply the latter. We would also like to have an estimate of Communist China's non-Bloc trade, and the trend of this trade.

3. As a corollary, we would like to have a brief analysis of the Communist Chinese trade drive in Southeast Asia as a whole: the extent, trend and potential, and a comparison with Japanese trade in the area.

4. We have already requested, informally, statistics on the prewar and postwar trade between China and Japan. The whole requirement has been discussed in broad terms by [REDACTED] of S/TF and [REDACTED] and we will be glad to discuss any aspects of the problem with your analysts. We would like to have the report by 2 April, if possible.

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